(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to clear these applications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Government of India in the Ministry of Coal do not consider applications from private parties for grant of permission for exploration of coal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, Kanhan

3982. SHRI R. S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, constructed as super-speciality hospital for coal mine workers of WCL at Kanhan;

(b) if so, whether any irregularities have been found;

(c) whether despite Medical practitioners of all the faculties being posted in the hospital, patients are being sent to other private hospitals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor

(e) the money spent and equipment acquired for the hospital during last three years; and

(f) the measures taken to improve the medical facilities in the hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) As reported by WCL no irregularity in the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital at Kanhan has been found by them.

(c) and (d) Doctors are posted in most of the specialities. Patients are referred outside Hospital for treatment which is not available in the Hospital.

(e) Details of the expenditure on equipment, furniture and fixture acquired during the last three years are as under :

(Figures in Rs.)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	TOTAL
Equipment	14462.00	26798.00	92400.00	133660.00
Furniture & Fixture	163689.09	60276.00	15854.00	239819.09
Vehicles	504225.70	00.00	00.00	504225.70
TOTAL :	682376.79	87074.00	108254.00	877704.79

(f) Hospital is already functioning satisfactorily.

Export of coal

3983. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh and Nepal are the only countries where our coal is exported;

(b) if so, whether Government have explored the possibility of exporting coal to other countries also; and

(c) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Coal India Limited (CIL) is exporting coal to Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

(b) and (c) Possibilities of exporting coal to other countries are being explored. Regular efforts are being made by CIL to promote export of coal to various countries.

Loss suffered by CIL

3984. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries have suffered loss worth crores of rupees during the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether in the wake of losses suffered by CIL, Government have transferred most of its officials;

(d) if so, whether the transfer of officials will have any impact on the losses of CIL; and

(e) what other strategies are being adopted to check losses of CIL ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) The provisional profits (+)/losses (-) earned/incurred by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during the year 2000-2001 are given below. The final and correct position of profit and losses can be known on finalisation of accounts by the C & AG.